

Surah 81 Surah Takweer

THE FOLDING

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TAKWEER AND SURAH ABAS

Surah Abas highlights the terror of the Day of Qiyaamah when people will flee from their close relatives and will be engrossed in their own affairs. Moving further into Aakhirah, Surah Takweer mentions how people will be dispatched to their respective abodes in Jannah or Jahannam after reckoning.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The first thirteen verses summarise the twelve occurrences on the Day of Qiyaamah, six of which will occur in this world, while the other six will take place in the Aakhirah. People are further warned about their destination to the Aakhirah in verses 13 to 18, which include many oaths taken by Allaah.

Verses 19 to 25 declare that the exalted Qur'aan was revealed by the Most Glorious Allaah through the agency of a powerful, trustworthy angel who is extremely close to Allaah, viz. Jibra'eel . Allaah says that the Qur'aan is not the speech of any Shaytaan (Allaah forbid!) nor is Rasulullaah ﷺ an insane person (Allaah forbid!).

“So (instead of embracing the Qur'aan,) where are you (Kuffaar) heading?... until the words...You cannot will anything without the will of Allaah the Rabb of the universe” [verses 26 to 29]. In these concluding verses, Allaah questions people why do they go astray when the Qur'aan is there for their guidance. The person who desires to be rightly guided should follow the Qur'aan and find his way.

سُوْرَةُ التَّكْوِيْنِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ تِسْعٌ وَعِشْرُونَ آيَةً
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ ①

1. (Do not forget the Day of Qiyaamah) When the sun is folded (will lose its light).

وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ ②

2. When the stars fall down (and cease to exist).

وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ سُيِّرَتْ ③

3. When the mountains are made to fly about (like flakes of wool after being flung into the air by violent earthquakes).

وَإِذَا الْعِشَارُ عُطِّلَتْ ④

4. When pregnant camels are abandoned (by their owners). (Although pregnant camels are highly prized and valuable, people will have no interest in them or in any other valuables when the fear of Qiyaamah overwhelms them.)

وَإِذَا الْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ ⑤

5. When (even) wild animals are gathered (together on the Plains of Reckoning so that oppressed animals are given the opportunity to take revenge from the aggressors).

وَإِذَا الْبِحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ ⑥

6. When the oceans are set alight (to boil). (The waters of the ocean will be heated so intensely that, all the water will evaporate and fire will then take its place.)

وَإِذَا النُّفُوسُ زُوِّجَتْ ⑦

7. When souls are joined. (After the Kuffaar are separated from the Mu'mineen, the members of each group

of Kuffaar and each group of Mu'mineen will come together.)

وَإِذَا الْمَوْءِدَةُ سُئِلَتْ ^٨

8. When the girl buried alive will be asked...

بِأَيِّ ذَنْبٍ قُتِلَتْ ^٩

9. ...for what sin she was killed. *(These two verses refer to the practice of some Arab Mushrikeen during the period of ignorance who used to bury their infant daughters alive merely because they disliked having daughters.)*

وَإِذَا الصُّحُفُ نُشِرَتْ ^{١٠}

10. When the records of actions *(of every person)* will be opened *(for scrutiny and for judgement to be passed).*

وَإِذَا السَّمَاءُ كُشِطَتْ ^{١١}

11. When the sky will be opened *(for the angels to pass through).*

وَإِذَا الْجَحِيمُ سُعِّرَتْ ^{١٢}

12. When Jahannam will be fuelled *(prepared to receive the Kuffaar and sinners).*

وَإِذَا الْجَنَّةُ أُزْلِفَتْ ^{١٣}

13. When Jannah will be brought close *(to the pious Mu'mineen so that they look forward to it).*

عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّا أَحْضَرَتْ ^{١٤}

14. On that day every soul will know what *(actions)* it had presented *(committed and which is now revealed for judgment).*

فَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِالْخُنُوسِ ^{١٥}

15. I swear by the planets that recede *(which set on the horizon as the stars do)...*

الْجَوَارِ الْكُنُوسِ ^{١٦}

16. ...that travel *(through space)* and hide *(disappear from sight as the night fades).*

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا عَسَسَ ۖ

17. And (I swear by) the night when it departs (at dawn)...

وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ ۖ

18. ...and by the morning when it takes a breath (arrives at dawn).

إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ ۖ

19. Undoubtedly this (Qur'aan) is a word brought (from Allaah to Rasulullaah ﷺ) by an honoured (noble) messenger (Jibra'eel عليه السلام)...

ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ ۖ

20. ...who is powerful and of high rank(status) in the sight of the Owner of the Throne.

مُطَاعٍ ثَمَّ أَمِينٍ ۖ

21. He is also obeyed (by the angels in the heavens) and is trustworthy (and will therefore never corrupt any message Allaah sends with him).

وَمَا صَاحِبُكُمْ بِمَجْنُونٍ ۚ

22. Verily your companion (Rasulullaah ﷺ) is not insane (mad).

وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ بِالْأُفُقِ الْمُبِينِ ۚ

23. He (Rasulullaah ﷺ) certainly saw him (Jibra'eel عليه السلام in his original form) on the clear (eastern) horizon. (See verses 5-9 of Surah 53.)

وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ بِضَنِينٍ ۚ

24. He is also not miserly with the knowledge of the unseen. (Rasulullaah ﷺ conveyed to the people whatever knowledge of the unseen Allaah taught him without demanding a fee as fortune-tellers do.)

وَمَا هُوَ بِقَوْلِ شَيْطَانٍ رَجِيمٍ ۚ

25. The Qur'aan is (definitely) not (and cannot be) the word of any accursed Shaytaan.

فَأَيْنَ تَذْهَبُونَ ۖ

26. So (instead of embracing the Qur'aan,) where are you (Kuffaar) heading (going astray)?

إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ۙ

27. It (the Qur'aan) is but a great advice to the (people of the) universe...

لِمَنْ شَاءَ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يَسْتَقِيمَ ۚ

28. ...for those of you who wish to walk the straight path.

وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۚ

29. (However,) You cannot will anything (wish for salvation) without the will of Allaah the Rabb of the universe. (Therefore, a person can tread the straight path only when Allaah permits him, and this occurs only when he sincerely expresses the desire to do so.)